

## **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. An optical disc apparatus comprising:
  - a turntable for mounting an optical disc thereon;
  - an optical pickup unit for reading out information recorded on the optical disc mounted on the turntable;
  - an optical disc drive for rotating the turntable;
  - a drive chassis formed of resin and provided for holding the turntable, the optical pickup unit and the optical disc drive, the drive chassis having pivot shafts at both ends thereof extending in a direction perpendicular to an optical disc insertion direction; and
  - a main chassis having bearing portions for pivotably supporting the drive chassis,
  - wherein each of the pivot shafts of the drive chassis has a hook to allow the drive chassis to be held by the main chassis, and
  - wherein when a force is applied to the drive chassis in a direction perpendicular to the optical disc insertion direction, the hook of one of the pivot shafts which are parts of the drive chassis is stopped by the main chassis for preventing the drive chassis from falling off the main chassis.
2. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of the bearing portions has an engagement groove, such that when a force is applied to the drive chassis in a direction perpendicular to the optical disc insertion direction, the hook of one of the pivot shafts which are parts of the drive chassis is stopped by an inner wall of the engagement groove.
3. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the main chassis has stoppers for preventing positional slippage of the pivot

shafts, respectively, such that when a force is applied to the drive chassis in a direction perpendicular to the optical disc insertion direction, the hook of one of the pivot shafts of the drive chassis is stopped by one of the stoppers.

4. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 3, wherein each of the pivot shafts has a rib.

5. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the hook of each of the pivot shafts has a rib.

6. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the hook of each of the pivot shafts has a rib.

7. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 2, wherein each of the pivot shafts has a rib.

8. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the hook of each of the pivot shafts has a rib.

9. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the hook of each of the pivot shafts has a rib.

10. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the main chassis has stoppers for preventing positional slippage of the pivot shafts, respectively, such that when a force is applied to the drive chassis in a direction perpendicular to the optical disc insertion direction, the hook of one of the pivot shafts of the drive chassis is stopped by one of the stoppers.

11. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 10, wherein each of the pivot shafts has a rib.

12. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the hook of each of the pivot shafts has a rib.

13. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the

hook of each of the pivot shafts has a rib.

14. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of the pivot shafts has a rib.

15. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the hook of each of the pivot shafts has a rib.

16. The optical disc apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the hook of each of the pivot shafts has a rib.

17. An optical disc apparatus comprising:

a turntable for mounting an optical disc thereon;

an optical pickup unit for reading out information recorded on the optical disc mounted on the turntable;

an optical disc drive for rotating the turntable;

a drive chassis formed of resin and provided for holding the turntable, the optical pickup unit and the optical disc drive, the drive chassis having pivot shafts at both ends thereof extending in a direction perpendicular to an optical disc insertion direction; and

a main chassis having bearing portions for pivotably supporting the drive chassis,

wherein the pivot shafts of the drive chassis have hooking means for preventing the drive chassis from falling off the main chassis.